

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 740

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Wallace F. Burke on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and rare devotion; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Burke is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for seventeen years as the director of the Tennessee Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and completed graduate work in Industrial Education from Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Burke was appointed Supervisor of Planning and Staff Development for the State Area Vocational-Technical School System; and

WHEREAS, seven years later, Wallace Burke was promoted to Chief of Administrative Services for the Division of Vocational-Technical Education at the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Wallace Burke assumed the directorship of the Tennessee Technology Center at Murfreesboro and has served in that capacity with acumen and competence to the present; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable tenure as Director, Mr. Burke has played an integral part in numerous improvements at the Technology Center, such as the expansion and renovation of the Technology Center at Murfreesboro and the Tennessee Fire School, which serves as a training center for more than 500 fire departments and lineworkers employed by Tennessee's electrical companies; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Burke's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Wallace F. Burke our deep appreciation and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.